

Remarks/Arguments

This Amendment is submitted in reply to the Final Office Action, dated November 10, 2004. This Amendment is filed within 2 months of the date of the Final Office Action to place the application in condition for allowance, consistent with the findings of the Examiner.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 13, 15-18, and 54-59 and 61-64 are pending in the application. Claims 4, 7-12, 14, 19-52 were previously canceled. Claims 53 and 60 are canceled in this Amendment. Claims 1, 55, 59, and 62 are currently amended.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 13, 15-18, 54, 56, 57, 59, 61, 63 and 64 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ell et al. (U.S. 2003/0036852), in view of Remley et al (U.S. 2002/0023052), in further view of McCauley (U.S. Pat. No. 6,058,351). This rejection is moot in view of Applicant's present claim amendments.

Applicant thanks Examiner for recognizing the patentability of claims 53, 55, 58, 60 and 62, on page 7 of the Final Office Action, dated November 10, 2004. Examiner indicated that claims 53, 55, 58, 60 and 62 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

To place all of the presently pending claims in condition for allowance based on the Examiner's findings in the Final Office Action, Applicant has provided the following amendments to the claims:

(1) Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate all limitations of claim 53; Applicant has canceled claim 53. Accordingly, revised claim 1 is now patentable based on Examiner's findings that claim 53 was patentable. Further, because claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 13, 15-18, 54, 56, 57 and 58 depend upon claim 1, those claims are patentable for at least similar reasons to claim 1.

(2) Applicant has amended claim 55 to incorporate all limitations of claim 1.

(3) Applicant has amended claim 59 to incorporate all limitations of claim 60; Applicant has canceled claim 60. Accordingly, revised claim 59 is now patentable based on Examiner's finding that claim 60 was patentable. Further, because claims 61-64

depend on claim 59, those claims are patentable for at least similar reasons to claim 59.

(4) Applicant has amended claim 62 to incorporate all limitations of claim 59.

Applicant previously paid fees for the filing of three independent claims. Because the application now contains four independent claims, the Director is authorized to charge Deposit Account 04-0525 in the amount of \$ 200 for an additional independent claim.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges due as a result of filing of the present paper may be charged against Deposit Account 04-0525.

Respectfully,

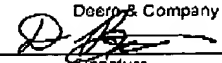


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